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1. HAVING ALREADY ARRANGED MEETING WITH FONMIN FOR MONDAY MORNING, JANUARY 5. TO DISCUSS ANGOLA, I TODAY DELIVERED TEXT OF PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER TO MINISTER KAMOUGUE.

2. I EXPLAINED THAT I HAD BEEN CALLED LAST WEEK TO YAOUNDE TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE. I DESCRIBED THE SCHAUFLE ITINERARY, SAYING THAT THE PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP WAS TO DISCUSS U.S. POSITION ON ANGOLA WITH THOSE GOVERNMENTS, ADDING THAT HE HAD ASKED SEVERAL OTHER U.S. AMBASSADORS IN NEARBY COUNTRIES TO TALK WITH HIM ABOUT ANGOLA, AS HE HAD DONE IN MY CASE.

3. KAMOUGUE READ LETTER CAREFULLY AND THEN SAID, " THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO DIVERGENCE ON ANGOLA QUESTION BETWEEN YOUR GOVERNMENT AND MINE. WE AGREE ENTIRELY THAT OUTSIDE INTERVENTION SHOULD END AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE RECONCILIATION BETWEEN THE THREE GROUPS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT." I THEN DREW UPON TALKING POINTS WHICH AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE HAD MADE AVAILABLE TO ME IN YAOUNDE, EMPHASIZING OUR POSITION ON ENDING ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION, THE ROLE WE HOPE THE OAU WILL TAKE, AND OUR HOPE THAT THIS AFRICAN PROBLEM WILL BE SOLVED BY AFRICANS.

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4. KAMOUGUE RESTATED HIS GOVERNMENTS CONCURRENCE WITH OUR

POSITION AND SAID SADLY THAT IT WAS TOO BAD THAT, NOW THE COLONIAL
POWER HAS DEPARTED, THE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA CANNOT GET TOGETHER TO
PAY ATTENTION TO POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR COUNTRY.
KAMOUGUE SAID HE WOULD DELIVER THE PRESIDENTS LETTER PROMPTLY
TO PRESIDENT MALLOUM AND ON LEAVING I REFERRED TO THE FIRST AND
LAST PARAGRAPHS OF PRESIDENT FORDS LETTER, SAYING USG WOULD
WELCOME ANY THOUGHTS AND SUGGESTIONS THAT THE GOC MIGHT
WISH TO OFFER ON THIS PROBLEM.LITTLE

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